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Economic Counselor delivered ref A points on June 8 to Chairman of the Jordan Atomic Energy Commission (JAEC) Khaled Toukan and JAEC Commissioner Kamal Araj, urging the Government of Jordan (GOJ) to support discussion of the nuclear fuel bank idea at the June 15-18 IAEA Board of Governors Meeting in Vienna. Toukan reaffirmed that Jordan would support any international or regional fuel bank initiative, as long as countries maintain their full rights under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (ref B). He added that Jordan hopes to be a supplier of uranium to such fuel banks in the future. Araj plans to represent the GOJ at the meeting.

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